

Abstract

Project Title: Berea FSCS

Population to Be Served: Berea FSCS will provide services to the 1,092 students enrolled in the Berea Independent School District and their families in Berea, Kentucky. Our target area puts a face on rural poverty and emphasizes the dire need for increased services to students in rural Appalachia. Poverty levels are high; educational attainment and income are low, all exacerbated by the rural nature of the area. High school students have low attendance and graduation rates and dropout rates as compared to the state. Many Berea students who graduate are not college ready.

FSCS Schools: Our Consortium, the eligible entity, will provide comprehensive services at the following three school sites. All are Title I Eligible.

- Berea Independent Elementary School, preschool through 5th grade, 513 students
- Berea Independent Middle School, 6th through 8th grade, 244 students
- Berea Independent High School, 9th through 12th grade, 335 students

Comprehensive Plan: Our design is influenced by the Coalition for Community Schools' research and their results framework. Berea FSCS will collaboratively work toward the result that All Berea Students Succeed at School and has established indicators to measure this result. Key to Berea FSCS is a comprehensive plan based on the evidence based Integrated Student Support framework. Our theory of change is illustrated by our logic model and will be continuously evaluated using data, quantitative and qualitative, and stakeholder feedback.

Key project goals:

- Increase the number and percentage of children prepared for kindergarten
- Increase the number and percentage of students achieving academically
- Increase the number of students that are safe, healthy, and supported by engaged parents

Expected Outcomes:

- More children prepared for Kindergarten
- More students achieving academically
- More students who are safe, healthy, and supported by engaged parents
- Increased coordination of services to students and families
- All Berea students succeed at School

Project Description: Berea FSCS will provide and coordinate comprehensive pipeline services that include: Early Childhood Programs; School and Out-of-School Time Programs; Transition Programs; Family and Community Engagement; Postsecondary and workforce readiness; Community-based support; Social, health, nutrition, and mental health services, and Juvenile crime prevention.

Key Partners: Appalachian Community Federal Credit Union, Berea College, Berea Independent Schools, Kentucky Center for School Safety, Kentucky One Health Foundation, Kentucky Out Of School Alliance, Prichard Committee, and White House Clinic.